# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6931
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2000
PERMISSION TO INDIAN FISHERMEN
PRABHAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have considered the proposal of Indian fishermen going for fishing south of the Delft Island;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been taken up with the Government of Sri Lanka;

(c) whether such kind of fishing was allowed to Sri Lankan fishermen in Indian water under an agreement in 1976;

(d) if so, whether his Ministry has made any such demand to the Government of Sri Lanka to allow fishing in the similar way to Indian fishermen across the International Boundary Line (IBL); and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government of Sri Lanka thereto?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) to (e) The Government of India have on many occasions proposed licensed fishing by Indian boats in Sri Lankan waters.The Government of Sri Lanka has, however, not agreed to the proposal.